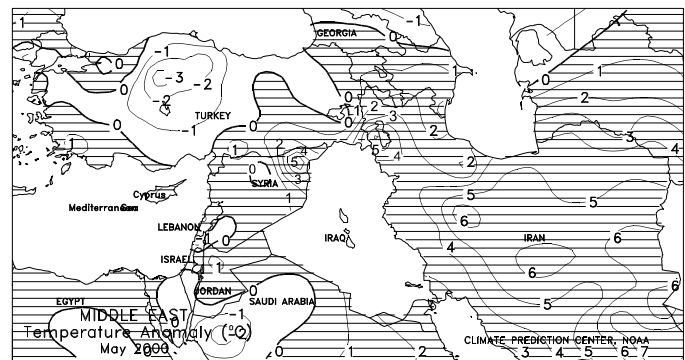
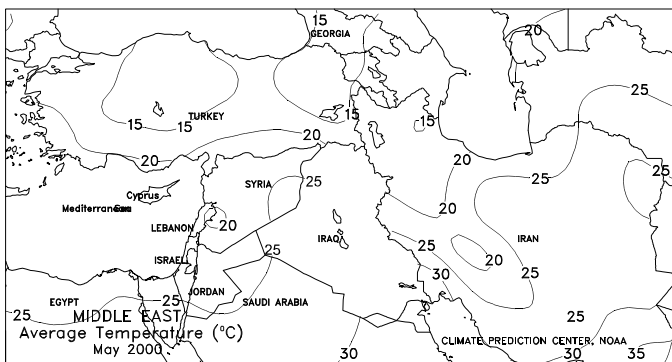
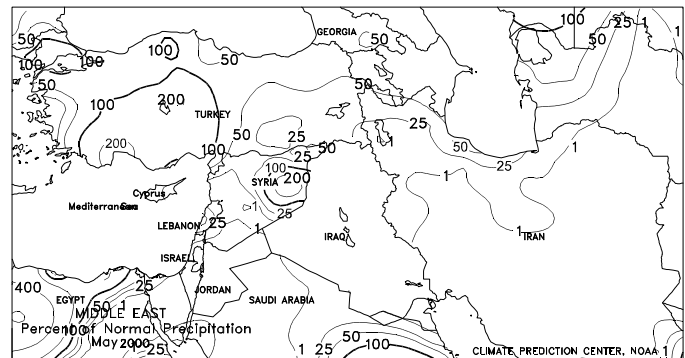
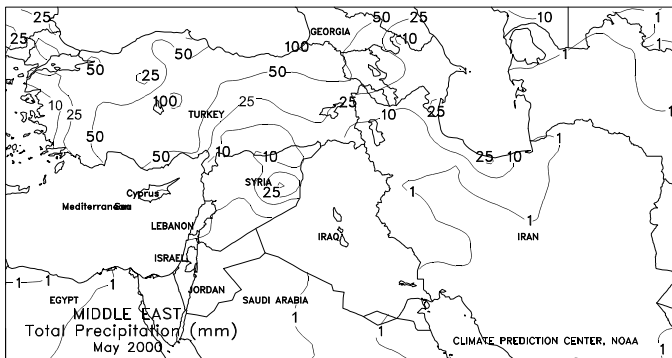


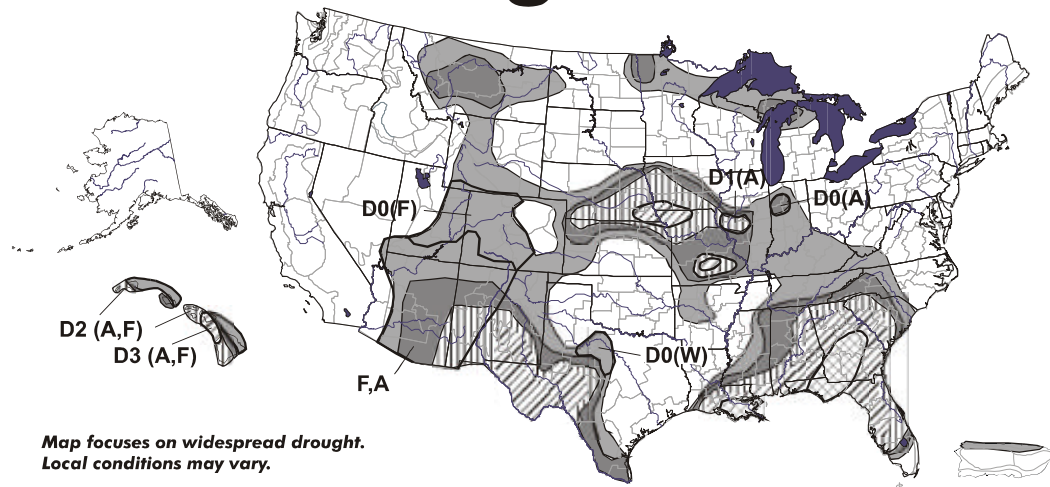
MIDDLE EAST AND TURKEY

During May, warm, dry weather aided winter grain drydown and harvesting from Syria to Iran. In Turkey, mild, showery weather concentrated over central Turkey favored immature winter wheat in Anatolia. However, rainfall was below normal in eastern Turkey, limiting recharge along the Tigris and Euphrates river systems.



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Map focuses on widespread drought.
Local conditions may vary.

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought-First Stage
- D2 Drought-Severe
- D3 Drought-Extreme
- D4 Drought-Exceptional
- Delineates Overlapping Areas

Drought type: used only
when impacts differ

A = Agriculture
W = Water
F = Wildfire danger



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